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Noble Hero Protects Negro’s Rights

Last night, beautiful Maycomb County was the setting of a terrifying scene. It all started with local lawyer’s defense of the black, Tom Robinson. Many of the farming folk in the area were not so keen of this concept, and their anger almost exploded in a burst of violent outrage. Among the mob to take Mr. Robinson was Walter Cunningham Sr. a local farmer. The gang of farmers assaulted the gothic styled town jail around ten thirty last night, and to meet them at the door was Atticus Finch, armed with his trusty Smith and Wesson .22. Before the potentially violent exchange began, Atticus spoke to the men, telling them to leave, before Heck Tate and his bunch return. The gang had obviously thought of that, because they sent Heck and his men on a snipe hunt in the woods. Atticus continued to prevent the miscreants from entering, and just as things looked to get violent, Atticus’s children,

and their friend ran to him, in a misguided show of protection. As the children approached, Atticus rose from his chair, and ordered them to go home. In a startling display of defiance, Jem refused, the similarity of their two faces was uncanny as they stared each other down. Then, one of the members of the mob stepped forward and attempted to haul Jem away, and Atticus’s daughter stepped forward to defend her brother, kicking the rough man in the leg, and freeing her brother. Ashamed of Jean-Louise’s behavior, and worried for her safety, Atticus scolded her. The girl was quiet for a few minutes, but then spoke up, to a member of the crowd. She spoke to Mr. Walter Cunningham, and appealed to him, by speaking of his financial trouble, making them all to be in it together. I was too far away from the scene to hear all of the words spoken, but eventually, the mob cleared out. If it were not for Atticus and his family’s protection of Tom Robinson, justice would have been denied, and the truth would never had been found.



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